

GP Case Conferencing for people with Palliative Care needs

What does this involve?

- Consent for a case conference to be held must be obtained from the patient (including any information they want withheld and that a fee may be charged by their GP which is rebatable by Medicare)
- These item numbers refer to people in the community who have at least one medical condition that has been (or is likely to be) present for at least 6 months, or that is terminal (and is not an inpatient of a hospital or in an Aged Care Facility). It is expected 5 case conferences per year is adequate.
- A case conference team includes a medical practitioner (normally the patients 'usual' GP) and at least 2 other members, who participate in the case conference, each of whom provides a different kind of care or service to the patient, and one of whom may be another medical practitioner (normally a specialist)

Examples of persons who, for the purposes of care planning and case conferencing may be included in a multidisciplinary care team are allied health professionals such as, but not limited to: Aboriginal health care workers; asthma educators; audiologists; dental therapists; dentists; diabetes educators; dieticians; mental health workers; occupational therapists; optometrists; orthoptists; orthotists or prosthetists; pharmacists; physiotherapists; podiatrists; psychologists; registered nurses; social workers; speech pathologists. A team may also include home and community service providers, or care organisers, such as: education providers; "meals on wheels" providers; personal care workers (workers who are paid to provide care services); probation officers.

- A carer is able to attend, if consent is provided for this by the patient, but their membership should be in addition to the minimum 3 members

	Duration of Case Conference: 15 – 20 mins	Duration of Case Conference: 20 – 40 mins	Duration of Case Conference: >40 mins
GP Participates in a Case Conference in a Case Conference	Medicare Item Number 747	Medicare Item Number 750	Medicare Item Number 758
GP Organises and Coordinates a Case Conference in a Case Conference	Medicare Item Number 735	Medicare Item Number 739	Medicare Item Number 743